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OF

PUBLIC HEARING

The Indiana Department of Transportation will hold a public hearing on <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>November 15</u>, 2006, <u>(formal presentation at 6:00pm)</u> (open house at 5:00pm) in the <u>Greensburg High School auditorium</u> at <u>1000 East Central</u> in <u>Greensburg</u>, Indiana.

The purpose of the public hearing is to offer all interested persons an opportunity to comment on the Categorical Exclusion Level 3 for the proposed reconstruction of the I-74 and US 421 interchange. At this time the plans have not been developed. This public hearing is on the Categorical Exclusion Level 3 (environmental) only. The project is located in Greensburg, Decatur County. The total project length for the project is expected to be about 1.05 miles along I-74 and 0.53 mile along US 421.

The project is proposed to include the construction of the new Partial Cloverleaf Type-A Interchange. Also the removal of the existing INDOT maintenance facility and relocation of the existing Frontage Road is proposed. The existing US 421 and old US 421 is proposed to be widened and improved. County Road 300 North (CR 300N) and CR 250 W are proposed to be relocated and the State Road 3 (SR 3) traffic signal is proposed to be upgraded.

Construction of the project is expected to require approximately 128.3 acres of new permanent right-of-way. One business is expected to be displaced by this proposed project. The I-74 and US 421 roadways are expected to remain open to traffic during the construction of the interchange although access from I-74 to US 421 and from US 421 to I-74 are expected to be detoured to SR 3.

The tentative timetables for right-of-way acquisition and construction will be discussed during the formal presentation. A public statement session will be offered after the presentation. Individuals interested in participating in the public statement session may sign the speaker's schedule prior to the presentation.

All comments collected before, during and for a period of <u>three (3) weeks after</u> the hearing will be evaluated and addressed in the final design summary. Before and after the formal presentation, the environmental document (Categorical Exclusion Level 3) will be available for anyone interested in talking to our people about the project. Conversations will not be part of the official record.

In accordance with the "Americans With Disabilities Act", if you have a disability for which the Indiana Department of Transportation needs to provide accommodations, please call the Public Hearing office at (317) 232-6601, by Friday, November 10, 2006.

The environmental document (Categorical Exclusion Level 3) along with other materials on the project are available for viewing in the following offices:

- 1. Hearings Examiner, Room N901, Indiana Government Center North, 100 North Senate Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-2217, Phone #(317) 232-6601
- 2. Planning & Programming Office at the Indiana Department of Transportation district office at 185 Agrico Lane, Seymour, Indiana 47274, Phone #(812) 522-5649
- 3. Decatur County Auditor's Office, 150 Courthouse Square, Suite 133, Greensburg, IN 47240, Phone #(812) 663-2570
- 4. Mayor's Office, 314 North Michigan Avenue, Greensburg Indiana 47240, Phone #(812) 663-3344
- 5. Most Area Libraries

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